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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/825,205	Applicant(s) JUNG ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-17 and 20-33 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-19 and 34-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/27/2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims **18, 19** and **34-35** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Yamada et al. (JP 2002-258299, provided in IDS).

As to claim 34, the Admitted Prior Art discloses a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display panel by forming a thin film transistor array substrate, forming a color filter substrate, dispensing a material through a plurality of syringes (301A, 301B, 301C) and their respective nozzles (302A, 302B, 302C) onto at least one of the substrates, and joining the substrates (Figure 3; sections [0012, 0016-0017]). The film transistor array substrate has a plurality of liquid crystal display panels and the color filter has a plurality of liquid crystal display panels ([0009] [0010], [0012] and Figure 1). It is unclear as to whether the Admitted Prior Art teaches a syringe having a plurality of nozzles where at least one of the nozzles can move with respect to a

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position of the body of the syringe where the material can be dispensed from the nozzles at the same time.

Yamada teaches it being known in the art of liquid crystal display manufacture to use a dispensing apparatus comprising a syringe having a body (8) for containing a dispensing material and a plurality of nozzles (10) at one end of the body to supply the material onto a substrate (Figure 1; section [0022] at top of p. 13). At least one of the nozzles can be moved with respect to the body to adjust the size of a dispensed pattern and the material can be dispensed from the plurality of nozzles simultaneously (Figure 5; portion of section [0010] at top of p. 10; section [0036]). This makes it possible to drop the liquid crystal in a specified pattern and quantity.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use a dispensing apparatus where the syringe has a plurality of nozzles connected to its body portion such that at least one of the nozzles moves with respect to the body and the plurality of nozzles dispense the material simultaneously when manufacturing the LCD panel of the Admitted Prior Art because such is known in the art, as evidenced by Yamada, where this allows one to drop the liquid crystal in a specified pattern and quantity.

One would appreciate using the dispenser of Yamada to drop liquid crystal into the plurality of liquid crystal display panels of the admitted prior art because they are arranged in a pattern and Yamada discloses a dispenser capable of simultaneously dropping the liquid crystal in a pattern.

As to claim **18**, all the limitations were addressed above with respect to claim 34, except a connection portion to couple the nozzles with the body portion. Yamada teaches connection portion (11) (Figure 1; section [0022] at top of p. 13).

As to claims **19** and **35**, the Admitted Prior Art in view of Yamada teaches such.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 11/27/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As to the argument regarding Yamada et al., one reading Yamada et al. would appreciate that the reference is not concerned with the particular liquid crystal display panel arrangement because the invention is concerned with the process in which liquid crystal is dropped. One would appreciate using the dispenser of Yamada to drop liquid crystal into the plurality of liquid crystal display panels of the admitted prior art because they are arranged in a pattern and Yamada discloses a dispenser capable of simultaneously dropping the liquid crystal in a pattern. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EMILY CHIMIAK whose telephone number is (571)272-6486. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571)272-6486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1791